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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper and are submitted without any amendments thereto.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.